

November 12, 2007

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWN  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE met in special session on October 29, 2007, and recommends the following motions:

1. Public Safety Communications - Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2008 Budget Process. (Referred to Executive Committee immediately following this meeting.) Committee approved Communications Specialist Position at a salary of \$76,059, with review at mid-term and after one year. See Resolutions, Ordinances November 12, 2007 County Board.
2. Sheriff - Review jail medical contract. Receive & place on file. Ayes: 4 (Clancy, Kaye, Nicholson, Zima); Nays: 1 (Backmann). Motion Carried.
3. Sheriff - Add Drug dog to Sheriff's department. Reduce the budget by \$19,328 related to purchase of a drug dog.

Approved by:

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**



Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a special meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety** was held on Monday, October 29, 2007 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI

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**Present:** Joe Backmann, Bill Clancy, Harold Kaye, Andy Nicholson, Guy Zima  
**Also Present:** Sheriff Don Kocken, John Gossage, Don Hein, Jim Nickel  
Tom Hinz, Jayme Sellen, Supervisors Krueger & Warpinski  
Sara Perrizo, Lynn VandenLangenberg, Heidi Hietpas, Andrea Konrath,  
Carolyn Maricque

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1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harold Kaye at 4:50 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Public Safety Communications:**

3. **Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2008 Budget Process. (Referred to Executive Committee immediately following this meeting):**

Jim Nickel distributed a handout (attached) outlining the need for a Communications Specialist Position at a salary of \$76,059. The first three projects the person will be responsible for include the implementation of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System); implementation of Genwatch, which is to create a new 1000 unit database to operate the 800 MHz system;; and thirdly the Cellular Location Accuracy Recertification required due to new FCC ruling.

Questions by the committee as why a permanent position was required resulted in an explanation by Mr. Nickel that this was only the beginning, that the individual will be needed on an ongoing basis, that there will be many projects in the future, along with maintenance of existing systems and training.

At the recommendation of County Executive Hinz and Mr. Nickel, the committee agreed to approve the position, suggesting that it be reviewed at mid-term and after one year.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve the Communications Specialist Position at a salary of \$76,059, with review at mid-term and after one year.**  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Sheriff:**

**4. Review Jail Medical Contract:**

Sheriff Kocken and Don Hein distributed a handout – Analysis of Jail Medical Cost Components for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008 (attached), explaining that for many years, prior to 2007, jail medical costs were divided between in-house nursing personnel and contracted individuals, clinics, and hospitals. During 2007 it was noted there were problems with staffing the existing nursing positions, along with the potential for significant budget over-runs and liability issues. In 2007, the Sheriff's Department began contracting with Health Care Professionals for nearly all medical functions. Although somewhat more costly than the prior arrangement, there are benefits that exist which include better coordination of medical services, elimination of in-house staffing issues, and a reduction of potential liability issues. In addition, contracted services are expected to make the Brown County Jail more appealing as a place to board inmates from other jurisdictions. The contract provides for 176 hours per week.

Numbers were reviewed with Mr. Backmann with the committee asking several questions. Sheriff Kocken explained that because it has been difficult to hire staff nurses, the option of contracting provides guaranteed hours and in addition, a savings from benefits.

**Motion made by Supervisor Clancy and seconded by Nicholson to approve.**

Because the position and numbers are already in the budget, Ms. Perrizo indicated the motion should be to receive and place on file.

**Motion made by Supervisor Clancy and seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Ayes: Clancy, Kaye, Nicholson, Zima; Nays: Backmann. MOTION APPROVED 4-1**

**5. Add Drug Dog to Sheriff's Department:**

Captain John Gossage explained that costs associated with a new drug dog total \$10,672. This cost includes transport from New Mexico, two weeks of training with a handler, lodging for the officer, vehicle fabrication, dog food for one year, and kennel.

Ms. Perrizo explained that because \$30,000 was originally put in the budget, it should now reflect a decrease of \$19,328.

**Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson and seconded by Supervisor Backmann to reduce the budget by \$19,328 related to purchase of a drug dog. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law: None**

**Motion made by Supervisor Backmann and seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel  
Recording Secretary

**Brown County Public Safety Communications Specialist Position**

A project oriented person responsible for delivery. The first three projects are:

**1. Implement MABAS  
(Mutual Aid Box Alarm System)**

Issue: Improved County-wide Fire Response through Mutual Aid

Options:

- a. \*Specialist to implement new MABAS data layer in CAD (man-months)
- b. Do not implement MABAS (against passed County Board Resolution)
- c. Implement MABAS with books (not recommended--high error rate)

**2. Implement Genwatch**

Issue: Officer/Firefighter Safety

Create new 1000 unit database and use regularly to operate the 800 MHz system

Options:

- a. \*Assign to Specialist (send to vendor school for training)
- b. Do not update database: Wrong Unit ID is displayed w/emergency button  
(After rebanding, 1000 units stop working-not recommended)
- c. Use contractor for implementation (expensive and no timely updates)

**3. Cellular location accuracy re-certification**

Issue: Location accuracy of 911 cellular caller

Due to the new FCC ruling, each cellular company must provide specified accuracy across the 911 service area (the county) rather than the cellular company's service area. They "tune" their network elements to get it right.

Options:

- a. \*Assign to Specialist
- b. Do not test: Not recommended, FCC mandates testing at 911 Center's request (Liability moves to the county, especially in TDOA systems)
- c. Test using contractors (\$30+K last time we did it)
- d. Supervisor overtime (more expensive and will take longer)

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## BROWN COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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October 29, 2007

Jim Nichol  
Brown County Communications Director  
307 S. Adams St.  
Green Bay, WI 54301

Dear Jim:

This past summer the Brown County Fire Chiefs Association passed the MABAS Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. This program will provide for the dispatching of fire apparatus and personnel to emergencies within the County. The County Board later this summer approved MABAS also. This program will require the data entry of response protocols within the dispatcher's CAD program.

We, the members of the Association, are looking forward to working with you and your staff on the development of this Brown County MABAS Program. We are asking you for personnel time and effort necessary to complete the data entry for each of the fire departments and emergency response agencies within this county. Properly entered information prior to an emergency will make MABAS a success.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I am looking forward to working with you and your staff on this complex task. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 920-339-4085.

Sincerely,  
*Robert Kiser*  
Fire Chief Robert Kiser  
President

Trace Paulson  
Secretary

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**BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**Analysis of Jail Medical Cost Components**  
**For 2006, 2007 and 2008**

For many years, prior to 2007, Jail medical costs were divided between some in-house nursing personnel and some contracted individuals, clinics and hospitals. During 2007 it was noted that there were problems with staffing the existing nursing positions and the potential for significant budget over-runs existed in addition to liability issues that could potentially cost the County large amounts. For those reasons, during 2007 the Sheriff's Department began contracting with a provider agency (Health Care Professionals) for nearly all medical functions. That contract is proposed to be continued in the 2008 budget. It must be noted that the contract is somewhat more costly than the prior arrangements but certain intangible benefits exist as well, including better coordination of medical services, elimination of the in-house staffing issues, and a reduction in potential liability issues. Also, the contracted medical services are expected to make the Brown County Jail more attractive as a place to board inmates from other jurisdictions, adding to the revenue generating capability of the Jail. The contract provides 176 hours per week - approx. 28 hours more than with in-house staff.

	2006	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008
	Actual	Rev. Budget	Act. YTD*	Projected	W/O Contract	With Contract
<b>In-house Nursing (10-7420-500101 &amp; 201)</b>						
Nurse Manager Wages & est. fringes	\$ 89,890	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,905	\$ 28,905	\$ 95,582	\$ -
Corr. Facility Nurses Wages & est. fringes	272,726	21,996	101,108	101,108	250,328	-
Clerk/Typist II (medical) Wages & est. fringes	44,693	42,223	34,019	45,358	46,015	-
Total In-house Nursing	\$ 407,309	\$ 92,219	\$ 164,032	\$ 175,371	\$ 391,925	\$ -

<b>Contracted Prof. Serv. (10-7420-500908)</b>						
Jail physician & Nurse Pract. - Jensen	\$ 54,000	\$ 56,700	\$ 36,800	\$ 42,751	\$ 57,000	\$ -
Jail psych. services	-	15,000	-	-	15,000	-
Bellin Hosp. Jail lab fees	6,347	4,000	3,643	4,857	4,000	-
On-call Jail Nurse services	-	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Contracted medical services (Health Care Prof.)	-	325,029	51,250	325,029	-	811,149
Annual health inspection - Juvenile	-	181	-	-	-	-
Total Contracted Prof. Services	\$ 60,347	\$ 410,910	\$ 91,693	\$ 372,637	\$ 86,000	\$ 811,149

**Other Expenditures (10-7420-501001, 1002, 1003 & 1004)**

Medical Supplies	96,125	75,000	67,605	79,201	50,140	-
Medical Care	81,395	25,000	140,776	141,440	187,701	-
Medical Exams	5,234	3,500	2,470	3,293	3,293	-
Dental Expense	48,271	20,000	37,204	49,605	49,605	49,605
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 231,025	\$ 123,500	\$ 248,055	\$ 273,539	\$ 330,739	\$ 49,605

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 698,681</b>	<b>\$ 626,629</b>	<b>\$ 503,780</b>	<b>\$ 821,547</b>	<b>\$ 808,864</b>	<b>\$ 860,754</b>
<b>Additional Cost in 2008 with Contract</b>					<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 52,090</b>

\* actual through Sept. 2007 only

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